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SIGNIFICANT NRO CHRONOLOGY

6 September 1961 Dep SecDef, Mr. Gilpatrick, and Acting DCI, Gen. Cabell, signed paper to set up an NRO.

Many drafts of Agreement written.

2 May 1962 Dep SecDef, Mr. Gilpatrick, and DCI, Mr. McCone, signed Agreement formally establishing NRO.
Dr. Chayrk, Under Secretary USAF, appointed DNRO.

13 March 1963 New NRO Agreement signed by Mr. Gilpatrick and Mr. McCone.

5 April 1963 Program funding agreement signed by Mr. Gilpatrick and Mr. McCone.

July 1965 At the instigation Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, Dr. Hornig, a special PSAC Panel formed under Dr. Land's chairmanship with broad charter to maintain an overview of the NRP with particular interest in the technical characteristics of intelligence requirements, status of existing projects, and adequacy of R and D programs.

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SIGNIFICANT NRO CHRONOLOGY (Continued)

11 August 1965

Revised NRO Agreement signed by Dep SecDef,

Mr. Vance and DCI, Admiral Raborn.

Elements of Current Agreement

- A. NRP Statement
- B. Secretary of Defense Role
- C. DCI Role
- D. NRP Executive Committee
- E. National Reconnaissance Office:
 - DNRO Responsibilities
 - DDNRO and NRO Staffing
- F. Initial Allocation of Program Responsibilities

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NRO AGREEMENT - 11 August 1965

(Signed by Deputy Secretary of Defense, Mr. Vance and
Director of Central Intelligence, Admiral Raborn)

A. National Reconnaissance Program (NRP)

- Single program - national in character
- To meet intelligence needs of the Government under strong national leadership for development, management, control, and operation of all projects--both current and long range--for collection intelligence and mapping/geodetic information obtained through overflights (excluding peripheral reconnaissance operations).
- Potential of U. S. technology and all operational resources and facilities must be aggressively exploited to develop and operate systems fully responsive to the Government's intelligence needs and objectives
- NRP is responsive directly and solely to intelligence collection requirements and priorities of USIB
- Targeting requirements, priorities, frequency coverage of both satellites and manned aircraft missions over denied areas is a USIB responsibility, subject to 303 Committee operational approval

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B. Secretary of Defense will:

- Establish National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) as separate DOD agency
- Has ultimate management and operation responsibility for NRO and NRP
- Choose Director NRO who will report to him and be responsive to his instructions
- Concur in DDNRO appointment
- Review and is the final power to approve NRP budget
- Sit with Executive Committee when necessary to reach decisions in absence Committee agreement

C. Director of Central Intelligence will:

- Establish collection priorities, targeting requirements of NRP operations and establish coverage frequency
- Review NRP results and recommend, if appropriate, steps for improvements
- Sit as member EXCOM
- Review and approve yearly NRP budget
- Provide security policy guidance to maintain uniform system in whole NRP area
- Appoint DDNRO with Deputy and Secretary of Defense concurrence

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D. NRP Executive Committee (EXCOM):

- Membership: Deputy Secretary of Defense, Director of Central Intelligence, Special Assistant to President for Science & Technology, and DNRO (non-voting member)
- Purpose: Guide and participate in NRP formulation through the DNRO
- EXCOM will:
 - . Recommend to SecDef level of NRP effort in response to USIB requirements and in light of technical capabilities and fiscal limits
 - . Approve or modify consolidated NRP and its budget
 - . Approve allocation of responsibility and funds for research and exploratory development of new systems. Funds shall be adequate to ensure a vigorous effort by DOD and CIA to design and construct new sensors
 - . Approve allocation of development responsibilities and funds for specific reconnaissance programs to ensure that development, testing, and production of new systems is done with maximum efficiency and by component of the Government best equipped with facilities, experience, and technical competence to undertake assignment.
 - . Establish guidelines for collaboration between departments and for mutual support as appropriate

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• EXCOM will (Continued):

- Assignment of responsibility for engineering development of sensor subsystems will be made either to CIA or DOD components. Engineering development of all other subsystems, including spacecraft, reentry vehicles, boosters, and booster interface subsystems, shall in general be assigned to the AF
- Assign operational responsibility for various types of manned overflight missions to CIA or DOD, subject to 303 approval.
- Periodically review essential features of major program elements of NRP

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E. National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)

- SecDef shall establish the NRO as a separate DOD operating agency. It shall include the Special Operations Center
- The DNRO will:
 - . Subject to direction and control of SecDef and EXCOM guidance, have responsibility for managing the NRO and executing the NRP
 - . Subject EXCOM review, have authority to initiate, approve, modify, redirect, or terminate all NRP research and development programs. Through recommendations to EXCOM for the assignment of R&D responsibilities and allocation of funds, ensure the full potential of Gov't agencies concerned with reconnaissance are realized thru invention, improvement, and development of reconnaissance systems to meet USIB requirements
 - . Be kept fully informed of all NRP programs by all agencies and Government departments involved
 - . Keep EXCOM informed of the status of all NRP projects, programs, and activities in the R&D, production, and/or operational phases
 - . Prepare a comprehensive budget for all aspects of the NRP
 - . Establish fiscal control and accounting procedure for all funds expended in NRP support. (Funds expended under DCI Public Law 110 authority shall be administered by CIA and reported to DNRO.) The NRP budget will show separately funds applied to research and exploratory design development, systems development, procurement, and operational activities
 - . Sit with USIB for matters affecting NRP

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• The Deputy Director NRO:

- . Deputy Director NRO is appointed by DCI with concurrence of Deputy SecDef
- . Serves in line capacity under DNRO
- . Acts for and exercises powers of DNRO in his absence

• NRO Staffing:

- . Shall be jointly staffed in such fashion to reflect best talent available from CIA, the three military departments, and other government agencies
- . NRO Staff will report to DNRO and DDNRO and maintain no allegiance to originating agency or department

F. Initial Allocation of Program Responsibilities

- Contained in Annex A

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ANNEX A

INITIAL ALLOCATION OF PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES

1. CIA will develop improvements in "C" general search optical sensor subsystems.
2. CIA will develop optical sensor subsystem for advanced general search system.
3. The AF (SAFSP) will [redacted] 25X1
4. SAFSP will [redacted] 25X1

The DNRO will, in managing overall systems developments, ensure that:

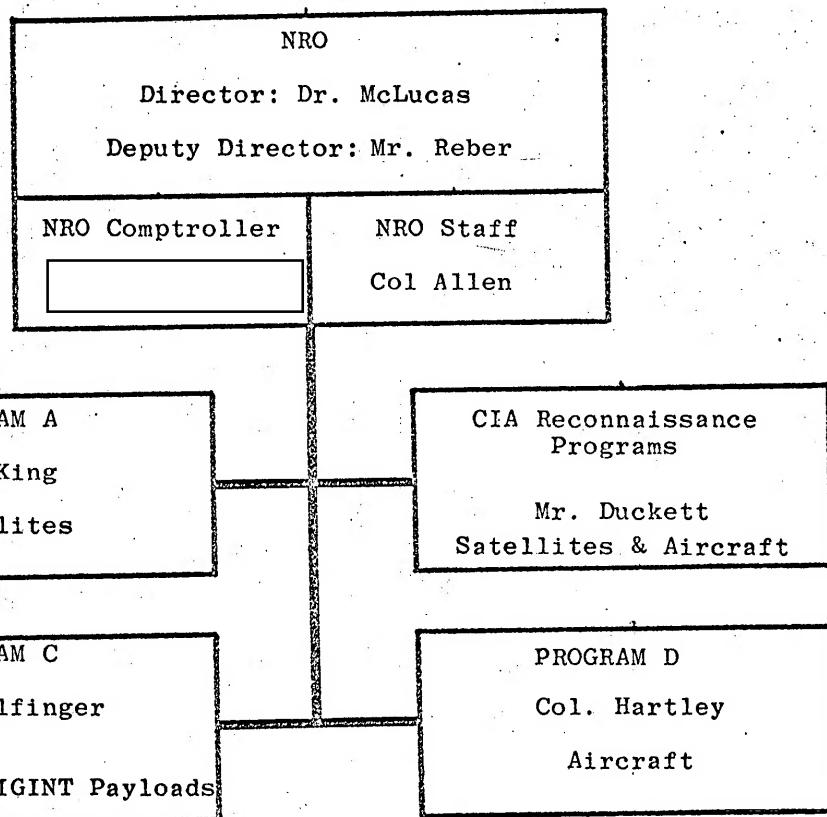
1. Management of and contracting for sensors is arranged so that design and engineering capabilities in the various contractors are most efficiently utilized.
2. The sensor packages and other subsystems are integrated in an overall system engineering design for each system, with DNRO having system integration responsibility for systems integration of each overall system.

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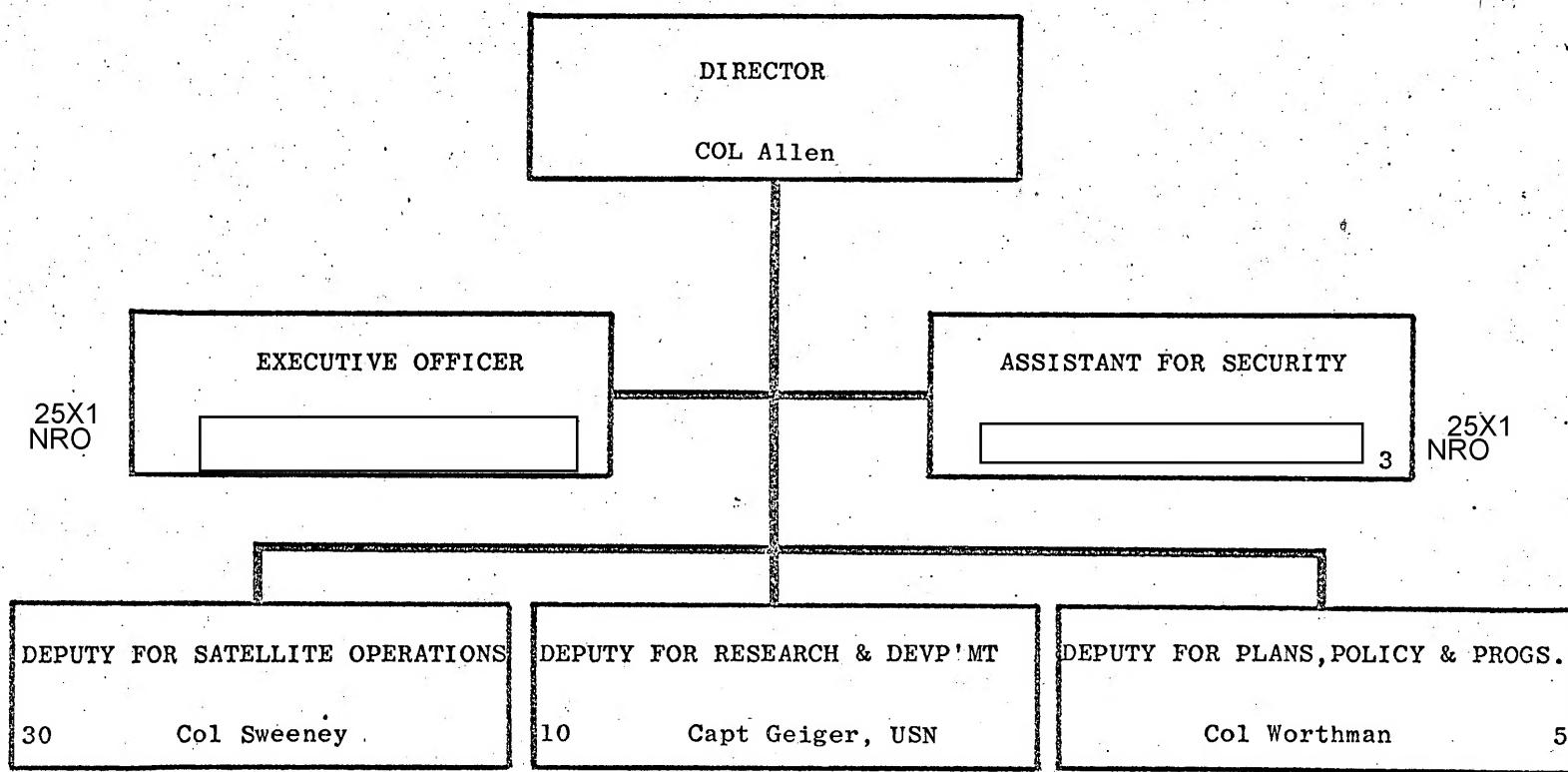


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NRO STAFF



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THE NRP ORGANIZATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

